Lifetime Licensing Notes 5-10-07

- Purpose Define Lifetime License.
- Discussion started a discussion on MVD licensing
- Surrendering or Terminating License can be done. If done must start all over.
- Purpose of a Lifetime License:
 Should be a full package of in depth pre-licensing and CE.
 Discussion on bringing up to a Professional level.
- Discussion of education.
 Suggested a step-up to a Lifetime License.
 More "specialty" education for Exchangers, Commercial, New Homes, Resale, etc.
- Initial license for 3 years, become a broker.
 Lifetime must be an earned license.
 Performance in the field is necessary.
- How is the ADRE going to monitor the bad licensees? Need to define. Talked about the "baby attorneys". Liked a step system.
- Discussed large companies who give much education, while small companies do not have training.
- How would the consumer could complain.
 Discussion of ADRE process.
 Onus is on the Industry to police the licensees.
- New licensees are not competent when they hit the streets.
 California has an 18 month Conditional License. Then go into a specialty.
- Discussed people who would speak about being property managers but didn't think of themselves as real estate licensees. Real estate is complex with several specialties.
- Public can go to the DRE and find out about complaints, problems. Like the Specialty License.
- Would licensee have to have more than one license?

- Thought we already have a lifetime license that requires 4 year paperwork and CE.
- A good idea to remove the paperwork block for good licensees.
- REALTOR® Code of Ethics should be the standard of work licensees do. Have a hard time with the "Lifetime" label.
- Lay person thinks that "Lifetime" means forever.
- One licensee attended this meeting because she thought there would be problems with a Lifetime License.
- Many people are asking where the idea for a Lifetime License came from?
- Described the process as it is now except the DRE removes the administrative bumps.
- Asked public member if she understood what the letters after a REALTOR® name meant. She did not have any idea.
 Explained that the letters after the name indicated more education. No letters usually indicate less education.
- Not all licensees are REALTORS®.
- Discussed the Critical Thinking aspect of the workgroup and dispensing with "the box".
- Go home, take out a blank sheet of paper, think about how you would make a real estate license...
- Do not be afraid to drop "Lifetime".
- Talked about the good part of defining a license.
 ADRE is moving away from the license.
- Doctors belong to a Board for Insurance purposes...specializations, etc.
- When a salesperson gets into trouble then the Broker also gets into trouble.
- ADRE is working to have the Broker supervise and the Department focus on licensees who are breaking laws.